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The Anaconda Company
P.O. Box 638
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ATTN: Mr. Bill Gray

Dear Sir:

As part of the environmental study being conducted at the Jackpile-Paguete Mine operated by Anaconda Company, an evaluation of the blasting procedures was requested.

Anaconda has already submitted its blasting-seismographic records for the year 1975. These records were evaluated by Sandia Laboratories of Albuquerque, New Mexico and there appears to be no major problems with the blasting procedures employed.

To obtain more detailed information, however, Dr. Elliot of Sandia Labs would like to make an on site evaluation during a blasting operation.

If it would be possible for Dr. Elliot, to observe such an operation it would be very helpful.

I appreciate the cooperation Anaconda has shown in the past and hope all due consideration is given this request.

Sincerely,

Mala L. Beard
District Sanitarian
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cc: Johnny Sanders, Chief, EHSB
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